

TRANSMITTAL SHEET FOR
NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

Control 580 Department or Agency Alabama Department of Mental Health

Rule No. 580-5-30-.15

Rule Title: Freedom of Choice; DMH Medicaid Waiver Programs

 New X Amend Repeal Adopt by Reference

Would the absence of the proposed rule significantly harm or endanger the public health, welfare, or safety? YES

Is there a reasonable relationship between the state's police power and the protection of the public health, safety, or welfare? NO

Is there another, less restrictive method of regulation available that could adequately protect the public? NO

Does the proposed rule have the effect of directly or indirectly increasing the costs of any goods or services involved and, if so, to what degree? NO

Is the increase in cost, if any, more harmful to the public than the harm that might result from the absence of the proposed rule? NO

Are all facets of the rulemaking process designed solely for the purpose of, and so they have, as their primary effect, the protection of the public? YES

Does the proposed action relate to or affect in any manner any litigation which the agency is a party to concerning the subject matter of the proposed rule? NO

Does the proposed rule have an economic impact? NO If the proposed rule has an economic impact, the proposed rule is required to be accompanied by a fiscal note prepared in accordance with subsection (f) of Section 41-22-23, Code of Alabama 1975.

Certification of Authorized Official

I certify that the attached proposed rule has been proposed in full compliance with the requirements of Chapter 22, Title 41, Code of Alabama 1975, and that it conforms to all applicable filing requirements of the Administrative Procedure Division of the Legislative Services Agency.

Signature of certifying officer 

Date 9/18/20

Alabama Department of Mental Health

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AGENCY NAME: Alabama Department of Mental Health

RULE NO. & TITLE: 580-5-30-.15 Freedom of Choice; DMH Medicaid Waiver Programs

INTENDED ACTION: Amend

SUBSTANCE OF PROPOSED ACTION: The Developmental Disabilities Division of the Alabama Department of Mental Health proposes to amend Chapter 580-5-30, Intellectual Disabilities Services, and repeal Chapter 580-5-33, Administrative and Support Requirements for Community Providers of Intellectual Disabilities Services. These proposed changes are intended to streamline and consolidate requirements and replace language deemed outdated and inappropriate current professional standards of practice. All requirements recommended for deletion from the Administrative Code shall be adopted in ADMH Policies and/or in DDD Operational Procedures as appropriate.

TIME, PLACE, MANNER OF PRESENTING VIEWS: All interested persons may submit data, views, or arguments in writing to Debbie Popwell, Director, Office of Certification Administration, Alabama Department of Mental Health, 100 North Union Street, Suite 540, Montgomery, Alabama 36130 by mail or in person or by electronic means to Debbie.popwell@mh.alabama.gov until and including November 4, 2020. Persons wishing to submit data, views, or arguments orally should contact Ms. Popwell by telephone at (334) 353-2069 during this period to arrange for an appointment.

FINAL DATE FOR COMMENT AND COMPLETION OF NOTICE: November 4, 2020

CONTACT PERSON AT AGENCY:

Persons wishing a copy of the proposed may contact Debbie Popwell, Department of Mental Health, 100 North Union Street, Suite 540, Montgomery, Alabama 36130.

(334) 353-2069

A copy of the proposed change is available on the department's website at <http://mh.alabama.gov>. Click on Provider Portal and then Certification to find code with changes.



(Signature of officer authorized to promulgate and adopt rules or his or her deputy)

580-5-30-.14 580-5-30-.15 Freedom Of Choice; DMH Medicaid Waiver Programs. The DMH shall assure that each individual and their guardian or legally authorized representative are given a freedom of choice of individuals or entities from which to receive services.

Freedom of choice of provider is an essential right of individuals and their families as required by federal Medicaid for 1915(c) waivers not operated concurrently with any other federal Medicaid authority.

Author: Division of Developmental Disabilities

Statutory Authority: Code of Ala. 1975, §22-50-11. **History: New Rule:** Filed January 17, 2011; effective February 21, 2012.

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